

and contacted Lieutenant Jason Shaw, who acted swiftly to dispatch paramedics and Officer Dan Williams to the scene. After Lieutenant Shaw and Officer Williams determined that Officer Hootman would require more care than St. Mary Medical Center in Galesburg could offer, with Lieutenant Cromien following behind, Officer Williams and Lieutenant Shaw transported Officer Hootman by ambulance to St. Francis Medical Center in Peoria. On the way, paramedics had to pull over to provide immediate life-saving measures. While Officer Williams and Lieutenant Shaw rendered these mitigations, Lieutenant Cromien got out of her car and drove the ambulance the rest of the way. He was able to receive necessary medical care and is now recovering from his sustained trauma.

Officer Chris Hootman was recently named School Resource Officer at Galesburg High School. Lieutenant Cromien helped save his life, and thanks to this act of heroism, he can continue to keep our children safe.

It is because of committed and selfless leaders such as these three first responders that I am especially proud to serve Illinois' 17th Congressional District. Madam Speaker, I would like to, again, formally congratulate Lieutenant Stephanie Cromien and thank her for saving the life of Officer Chris Hootman.

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HONORING RIDGE GREENE

**HON. MIKE THOMPSON**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 16, 2021*

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Ridge Greene, who demonstrated an unwavering commitment to the betterment of the Port Costa community in California's 5th Congressional District.

Born in Burlingame, CA, Mr. Greene spent years cruising the South Pacific before moving to Port Costa in Contra Costa County in the 1980s. Since his arrival, Port Costa has felt the impact of his tremendous compassion and dedication to community activism. As Senior Project Manager at RGM Karmer INC, Mr. Greene paved the way for large-scale construction projects for Bay Area School Districts. Utilizing his expertise in construction, he became a crucial member of the Port Costa Recycles, an innovative grassroots community recycling program.

Among a multitude of community involvements, Mr. Greene played a key role in the Port Costa Conservation Society as well as the restoration of the Port Costa School building. As a board member of the Port Costa Conservation Society, Mr. Greene helped save the historic, but physically neglected school building. He became the chairman of the board, and continually used his role as chairman to lead restoration efforts. Mr. Greene was vital in the planning and oversight of the construction work for the school building, and his knowledge of the State Historic Preservation Office's requirements proved invaluable in preserving the historic status of the Port Costa School.

After 30 years, Mr. Greene retired on April 15, 2021 from the Board of Directors of the Port Costa Conservation Society. Nonetheless, Mr. Greene continues to serve his community. His relentless will and caring heart have led him to serve as a construction consultant to the board. Additionally, Mr. Greene is a lifetime member of E Clampus Vitus, where he is described as a "Clamper," and a retired member of the fire commission in Crockett-Carquinez's fire district. In retirement, he looks forward to traveling more with his wife, Monica, and spending time with his two loving children, Clare and Aaron.

Madam Speaker, it is no doubt that the historic 1911 Port Costa School will serve as a visual testimony to Mr. Greene's impact for generations to come. Therefore, it is fitting and proper that we honor him here today.

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DR. MARGARET HUFFMAN

**HON. ED PERLMUTTER**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 16, 2021*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Dr. Margaret Huffman, Director of Community Health Services for the Jefferson County Public Health Department (JCPH) for her dedication and service to the people of Jefferson County, Colorado throughout the COVID-19 pandemic. In addition to her role at JCPH, Dr. Huffman went above and beyond to engage, educate and inform the community about COVID-19, including by participating in one of my Telephone Town Halls with my office and thousands of my constituents.

With more than 20 years of public health and nursing expertise, Dr. Huffman was always ready and willing to provide timely updates on COVID-19 and answered constituent's questions regarding how to protect themselves and their families during an uncertain time.

I would like to extend a personal thank you to Dr. Huffman for her leadership, commitment and sacrifice as a public health official in our community. Her service has helped to keep our residents and community safe and healthy. I also appreciate her ongoing partnership with my office. Again, I thank Dr. Huffman for her dedication to the residents of the Denver Metro region and the State of Colorado.